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Mr. Harold Reheis, Director Georgia Environmental Protection Division 205 Butler Street, SE Suite 1154 Atlanta, Georgia 30334



RE: General Electric (EPA ID# GAD-003308145) Permit # HW-043(S)-2

Dear Mr. Reheis,

This letter is a request for the GA-EPD to conduct a public hearing concerning Hazardous Waste Facility Permit No. HW-043(S)-2 to General Electric Corporation. Our community has numerous concerns with PCBs, and other contamination, resulting from manufacturing operations and the subsequent disposal of waste materials.

We are concerned that:

- 1. All disposal sites in our community may not have been identified.
- 2. That there appears to be a significant reduction in the number of potentially hazardous compounds to be identified.
- 3. That numerous residents in Western Floyd County are drinking from wells and that no mechanism appears to be in place to immediately inform these citizens of potential problems.
- 4. Nearby quarrying operations and consequent de-watering may serve to accelerate the dispersion of contaminants in the aquifer.

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- 5. That citizens, especially youngsters, are not aware of potentially contaminated areas in their neighborhoods.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Please continue to assist us in taking care of ourselves.

Sincerely,

Jerry L. Brown

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cc. Mr. Jim Ussery

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